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the country as an enthusiastic stockman and was recognized as an authority in such matters. In religion he was a devout and consistent Catholic, with a broad charity and sympathy for all.

WILLIAM N. BROWN, Treasurer of Calhoun county, died at his home in Rockwell City, March 15, 1897. Mr. Brown was a native of New Brunswick, and in early youth followed the sea. At the breaking out of the civil war he was living in New Orleans, where his loyalty to the Union and refusal to join the Confederate army so enraged the Southerners that his life was endangered. The rope was placed about his neck, but, through the intervention of a friend, he was rescued. Enlisting with the Northern forces he served until the close of the war, making a very unusual and brilliant record. He was in thirty-eight separate engagements, and under fire one hundred and twenty-seven days. This war record entitled him to membership in the "Comrades of the Battlefield," an organization to which only those are eligible who were under fire ninety days or more. In 1866 Mr. Brown settled in Calhoun county, and at the time of his death was serving his third term as County Treasurer. He was an efficient and faithful public officer.

PRESTON BRADLEY DURLEY was born at Hennepin, Illinois, June 19, 1839, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, February 24, 1897. He was educated at Wheaton College, Illinois, attending also a commercial school in Chicago. He entered the Union army at the outbreak of the civil war, serving as quartermaster's sergeant for over three years. At the time of his muster-out his comrades presented him with a silver medal as a testimonial of their high esteem. After being connected with several business enterprises, he finally settled in Des Moines, in 1886, where he became part owner and business manager of *The Daily and Weekly News*. This position he held up to the date of his death. In 1886 he was married to Miss Ella H. Hamilton, the well known writer of Des Moines, who survives him. As a student, soldier, business manager and Christian gentleman, no man stood higher in the confidence of all who knew him.

JUDGE WILLIAM MCLOUD died at his home near Keota, Keokuk county, January 26, 1897, at the age of seventy-two. He was born in Connecticut, but removing to Iowa in 1854 was one of the well known pioneers of Keokuk county. In early days he was active in organizing the township of Lafayette, serving as its first township Clerk. When in 1856, largely through his efforts, the first township school house was built, he was elected teacher at a salary of fifteen dollars per month. He taught for several terms in different parts of the county, and was honored with various township offices. He is remembered as the last County Judge and the first County Auditor of Keokuk county. A man of great force of character he commanded the esteem of all who knew him. He was an exceedingly well informed man, his common school education being supplemented by constant and careful reading. He was an active Mason.

JOHN McMILLER died at Anamosa March 7, 1897. He was an early settler of Hamilton county, and enlisted in Co. A, 32d Iowa Infantry, at Webster City, August 13, 1862. He was a good citizen and a brave soldier, serving with the command until the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, of which another private, Mr. A. J. Barkley, writes in this number of *THE ANNALS*. In that battle Mr. McMiller received a terrible wound from the effects of which recovery was impossible. It was a life-long affliction. A bullet entered and obliterated one of his eyes, coming out on the side of his head. (Mr. Barkley mentions this wounded soldier in his article.) Sometime after he reached home he was elected sheriff of the county; but in 1882 his friends secured his appointment as guard or keeper in the penitentiary at Anamosa, where he spent his remaining years.

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